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General Counsel  
Through: Assistant Director for Operations  
Acting Chief, FBI

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**Purchase of a 12-Passenger Suburban Bus**

In compliance with your memorandum dated 17 May 1948, subject  
as above, the following information is furnished in justification  
for requiring purchase of a 12-passenger bus to transport staff  
members to and from work at the proposed monitoring station at  
[redacted] near Silesia, Maryland.

1. The [redacted] operation, consolidating the radio monitoring  
activities now carried on in Washington and at Silver Hill,  
Md., will be continuous 24-hours daily, 7 days per week.  
The nature of the operation is such that it requires an  
isolated site free from radio interference, and it is because  
of this requirement that the [redacted] site has been selected.
2. There is no housing available in the [redacted]-Silesia area.  
Employees who will be assigned to the operation are living  
at various locations in the Washington metropolitan area;  
the majority of them in Virginia and the Northwest and  
Southeast section of the District. They will be required  
to report to [redacted] on shifts beginning for the most  
part at 8 a.m., 4 p.m. and midnight. The maximum number  
scheduled for any one shift is approximately 36 and the minimum 7.
3. The [redacted] miles from downtown  
Washington. The nearest approach of public transit lines is  
at a distance of 1 1/2 miles. Six runs per 24 hours are made  
to this point with a higher frequency of runs during the day  
than during the night.
4. Approximately 2/3 of the employees to be assigned to this  
station do not have cars and will be dependent upon public  
transportation or transportation furnished by the Agency.
5. In view of these circumstances it is required that the Agency  
operate a minimum bus service from a central point in Washington  
to the [redacted] site with two trips at each regular change  
of shift.

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